(b) The efforts being made by the ITDC to improve the efficiency and profitability of its hotels *inter-alia* include aggressive marketing and sales efforts, direct contact with major tour operators/Travel Agents, offering incentives to sales representatives and participation in International Travel/Trade Marts.

Transfer of coal mines from Orissa to Madhya Pradesh

988. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether attempts are being made to transfer Vasundhera East and West Coal mines from Orissa to Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether there is any agitation in Orissa against this attempt; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to restore these two coal mines to Orissa?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) No, Sir,

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Orissa Government's proposal for Developing Daringibadi as a Hill Station

989. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal submitted by the Government of Orissa to develop Daringibadi in Dhulabani district of Orissa as a hill station has been pending with the Central Government since long; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir. A propisal to set up a tourist complex at Daringibadi reecived from the State Government of Orissa was sanctioned for Rs. 14.96 lakhs.

(b) Does not arise.

Management of NTPC taken over by NTPC

990. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the management of NTPC was taken over by NPTC; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) Yes Sir, the Management of Transmission lines and associated sub-stations of NTPC have been taken over by the NTPC w.e.f. the 16th August, 1991.

(b) With this change Transmission lines and associated sub-stations presently thinly spread amongst a dozen Central Organisations are proposed to be brought under a single Central Organisation *viz.* NTPC with a view to move large blocks of power from various Central Generating sources to the load centres within the regions as well as across the region with reliability, security and economy with an ultimate aim of creating a national power grid.

Suspension of World Bank Aid to S.E.Bs.

991. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE:

Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item

captioned "World Bank threatens to suspend aid to SEBs" publihed in the *Financial Express* of the 26th August, 1991;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Uttar Pradesh State Elecricity Board has been given special warnings by the World Bank in this behalf, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what corrective measures Central Government have taken for clearance of dues by States concerned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The World Bank has been asking State Electricity Board with whom it has loah agreements to comply with the covenants agreed to by them with the Bank at the time of loan negotiations.

(c) In December, 1990, the World Bank had informed the UPSEB that unless specific action to improve the financial viability on the lines suggested by the Bank were adopted, the Bank would consider suspending the loan for the U.P. Power Projects. The loan has owing to non-compliance of the covenants been suspended from 5th April, 1991.

(d) Government have decided to recover through Central appropriation, in four equal instalments, from Central Plan assinstance, the outstanding dues of Central Public Sector Undertakings including those of the NTPC, NHPC and NEEPCO from SEBs, as on 30.5.1990. Regarding current dues, SEBs are being constantly persuaded to clear the same.

Financial Position of ITDC

992. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details regarding the budgetary support/short term loan, etc. received by ITDC during 1990-91 and what is the outstanding loan amount as at present; and

(b) whether ITDC have also entered into marketing, technical and consultancy service, merchandising, shop designing etc., agreement with some foreign companies, if so the details thereof, indicating (i) the total amount involved therein (ii) who would bear the cost, etc. (iii) the expenditure incurred so far by ITDC in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) Budgetary support during 1990-91 received by ITDC;

	(Rs. in lakhs)
Equity	19.50
Short term lien from Government of India	300.00
Loan from Tourism Finance Corporation of India	300.00
Total outstanding loan as on 31-8-1991	2263.27

(b) Yes, Sir. The details of agreement concluded in 1990 are as under:

S. No.	Name of the foreign company	Total amount involved	Who would bear the cost	Net payment made by ITDC
1	M/s Heinemann Germany	US$ 1·50 lakhs	ITDC	Rs. 2·23 lakh
2	M/s Radisson Hotel Corporation USA	Lump sum amount of US$ 1·00 lakh' 3% of room revenue and US$ 6·00 as booking fee for every materialised reservation on reciprocal basis	ITDC	Rs. 20·94 lakh